

Speed Limit Reductions Updates

City Council Meeting - December 6, 2022

Background

Vision Zero

- In July 2020, in a 7 –1 action, the City Council approved the adoption of the Safe Streets Long Beach plan.
- One of the goals outlined in the plan is to achieve **zero** fatal crashes on Long Beach Streets by 2026.
- Highlighted in Safe Streets Long Beach plan: *"driving too fast for conditions is the most frequent violation by motorists contributing to fatal and serious injury collisions in Long Beach."*



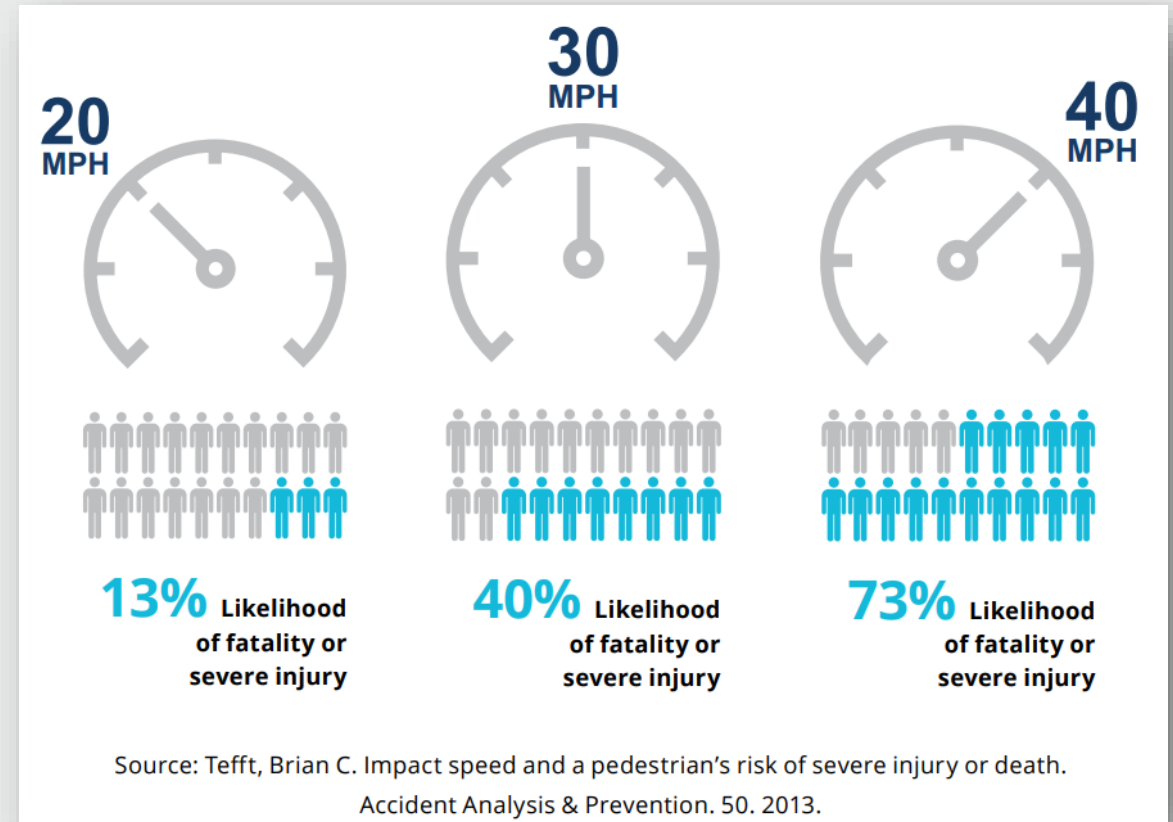
Speed and Safety

Speeding Reductions

One key action in the Safe Streets Long Beach plan is to address speeding.

The L.B.M.C. amendment proposes 111 citywide reductions:

- 18 reductions to 30mph
- 36 reductions to 25mph
- 50 reductions below 25mph



Assembly Bill 43

Previous Law

- Speeds based on radar results, with special zones allowed along schools
- May post 15-20mph limits with radar survey on narrow streets
- Limits must be regularly recertified to reflect higher speeds: feedback loop

AB43 Update

- Speeds based on radar results, with special zones allowed along schools **and business districts**
- May post 15-20mph limits with radar survey on **any street**
- **Unless a road is widened to add lanes, existing speed limits may be maintained.**

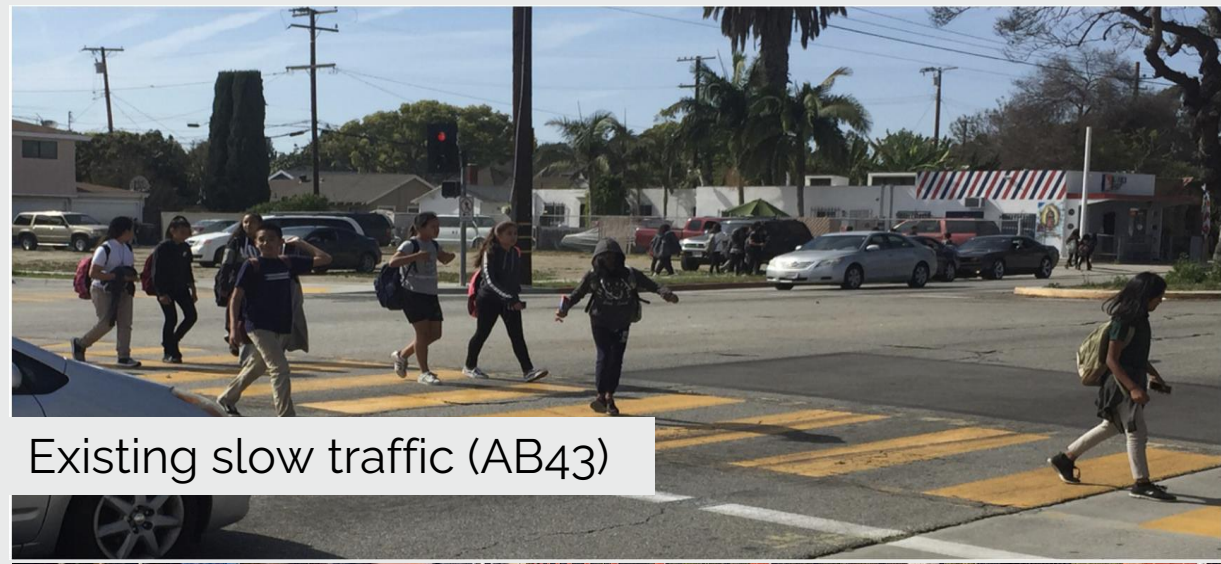
Justification for Lower Speed Limits



Business Corridors (AB43)



Prevent "Speed Creep" (AB43)



Existing slow traffic (AB43)



Traffic Calming Treatments

Interventions on the High-Injury Network



High-Injury Network Map

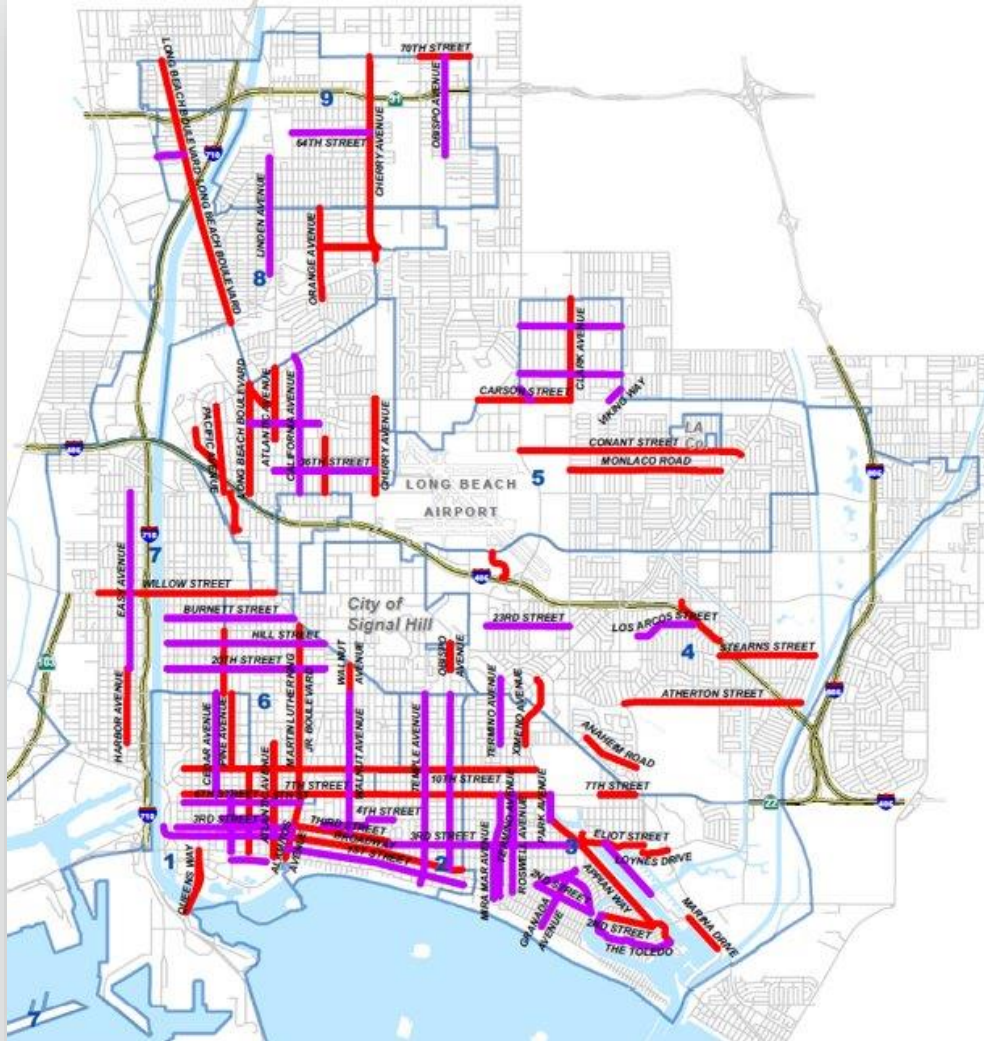
In upcoming Measure A 5-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan, the City plans to address corridors listed in the high-injury network:

- Anaheim Corridor
- Market Street
- Artesia Great Boulevard

Additional corridors to be impacted are:

- 6th Street/7th Street
- Bellflower Blvd.
- Orange Avenue
- Los Coyotes Diagonal
- Pacific Avenue
- Willow Street

Interventions on the High-Injury Network



Proposed Street Segments

- The proposed speed limit reductions will be implemented across all nine Council Districts.
- 50 sub-25mph segments will be established.

Next Steps: Implementation Timeline

December 2022

Approve recommendation to amend L.B.M.C.

Early 2023

City Council to approve L.B.M.C. change;
Public Works to begin community outreach

Spring 2023

Public Works to continue community outreach;
Installation of new speed limit signs begin





Thank you!

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